

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) A tool, said tool including clamping apparatus for clamping a tool component, said clamping apparatus including one or more clamping members movable between a clamped position, wherein at least a portion of said tool component is secured in a required position in use, and an unclamped position, wherein said tool component portion is movable with respect to said one or more clamping members, said clamping apparatus further including user actuation means which are slidably mounted in said apparatus for actuating sliding movement of said one or more clamping members between said clamped and unclamped positions, characterized in that said clamping apparatus is attached to or integrally formed with shaft means which are substantially circular in cross section, wherein said one or more clamping members are pivotally mounted in said apparatus for radial movement with respect to the longitudinal axis of said apparatus between clamped and unclamped positions.

21. (Original) A tool according to claim 20 characterized in that said tool is a reciprocating saw or jigsaw.

22. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 20, further comprising:
wherein the clamping apparatus includes a body portion with an aperture; and
a blade clamped in the clamping apparatus, the blade having a protruding portion located in the aperture for further clamping the blade.

Claims 23-25 (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) A saw, comprising:
an elongate arm member configured to reciprocate a saw blade; and
a clamping mechanism configured to secure the saw blade to the elongate arm member,
the clamping mechanism including
a body portion attached to the elongate arm, the body portion defining a cavity
with walls,
a pair of clamping members received in the cavity, the clamping members being
wedge shaped with each having an outermost surface that has an outwardly tapered
shape,
at least part of the walls of the cavity having a complementary shape with respect
to the outwardly tapered shape of the outermost surfaces of the clamping members,
the clamping members each having a recess portion, and
an intermediate member including a protrusion portion engaged with the recess
portions in the clamping members, the intermediate member being configured to move
the clamping members in the cavity whereupon the complementary shape of the walls of
the cavity engage with the outermost surfaces of the clamping members to rotate the
clamping members between a clamped position wherein the saw blade is secured and an
unclamped position.

27. (Previously Presented) The saw of claim 26, wherein the body portion defines an
aperture in which a protrusion of the saw blade is received for further clamping of the saw blade.

28. (Previously Presented) The saw of claim 26, wherein the clamping mechanism
includes:
a sleeve connected to the intermediate member to move the intermediate member; and
a housing secured to the body portion with the clamping members and the intermediate member
sandwiched between the housing and the body portion.

29. (Currently Amended) The saw of claim 26, further comprising:
a scrolling mechanism for permitting scrolling movement of the saw blade, the scrolling mechanism including
a first locking mechanism including a locking pin,
a second locking mechanism linked to the elongate arm member, the second locking mechanism defining a recess configured to receive the locking pin, and
a user actuation mechanism coupled to the locking pin, the user actuation member being configured to be actuated by a user to move the locking pin between a locked position ~~where~~ wherein the locking pin engages the recess of the second locking mechanism and a unlocked position ~~where~~ wherein the locking pin disengages from the recess to permit scrolling movement of the saw blade.

30. (Previously Presented) The saw of claim 29, further comprising:
a linkage coupling the actuation member to the locking pin;
the second locking mechanism including a knob with a peripheral flange that has the recess defined therein for allowing the user to rotate the saw blade when the locking pin is in the unlocked position; and
the user actuation mechanism including a lever arm configured to rotate to move the locking pin between the locked position and the unlocked position.